

FIGURE 1 - Prior Art

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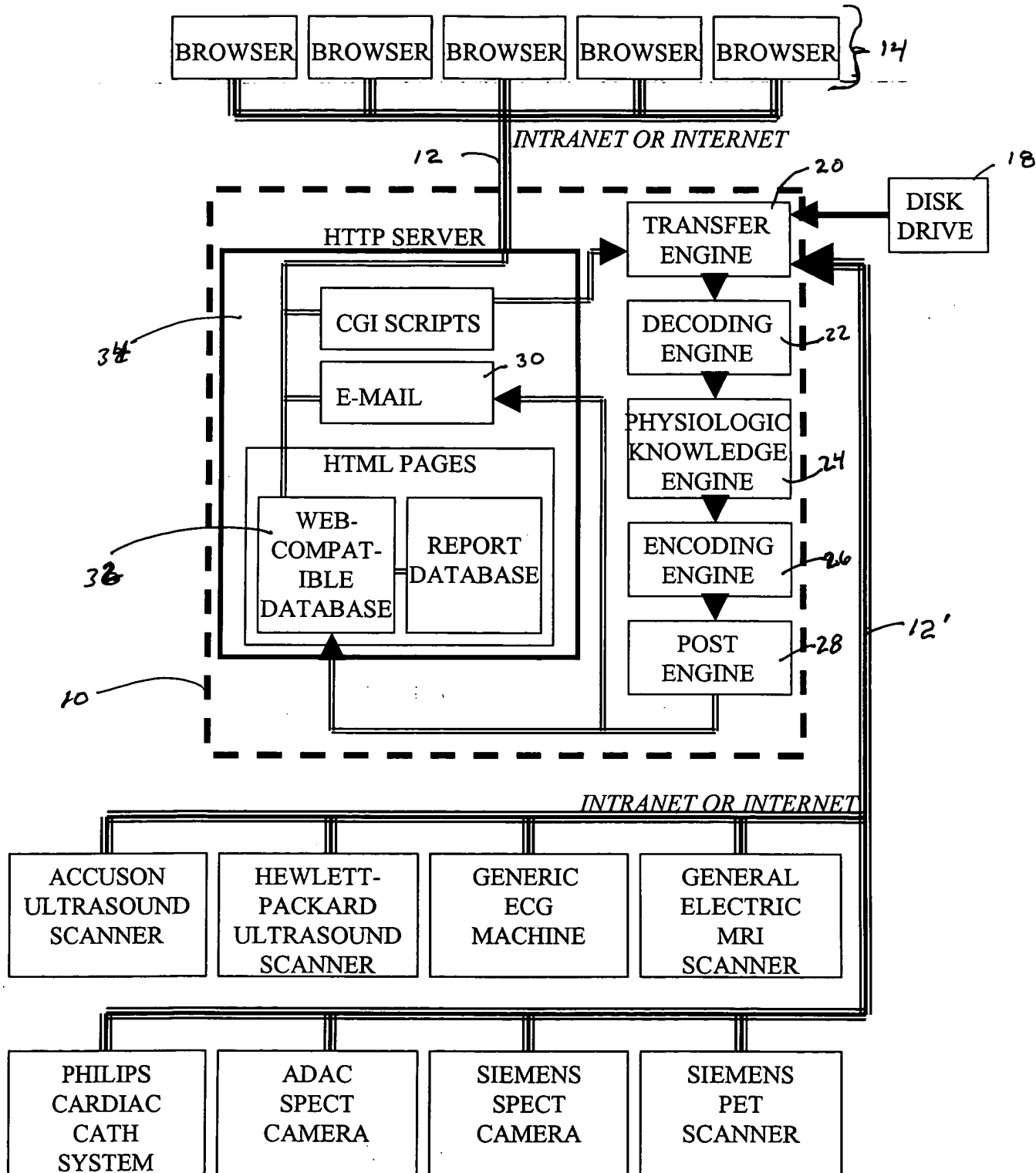


FIGURE 2

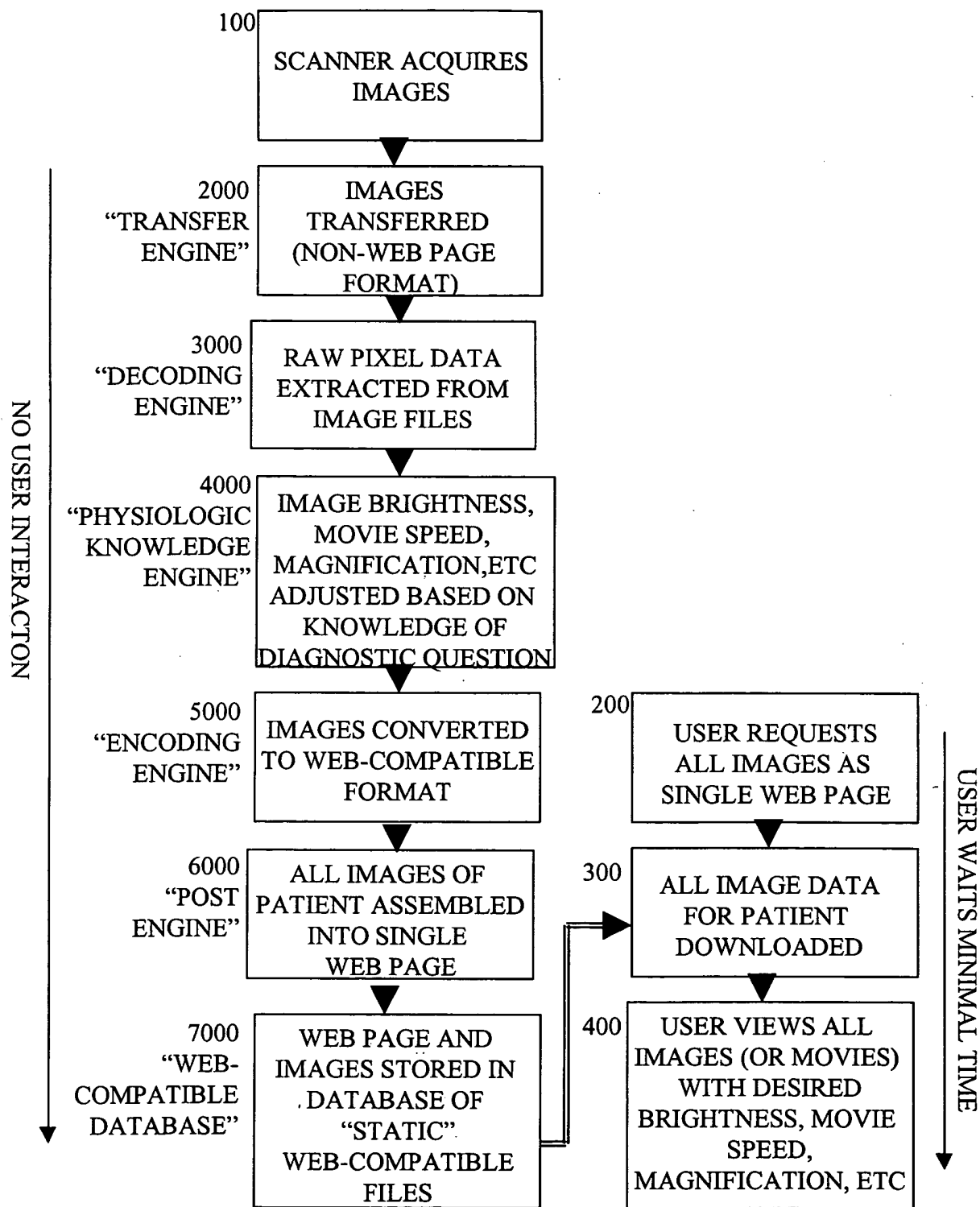
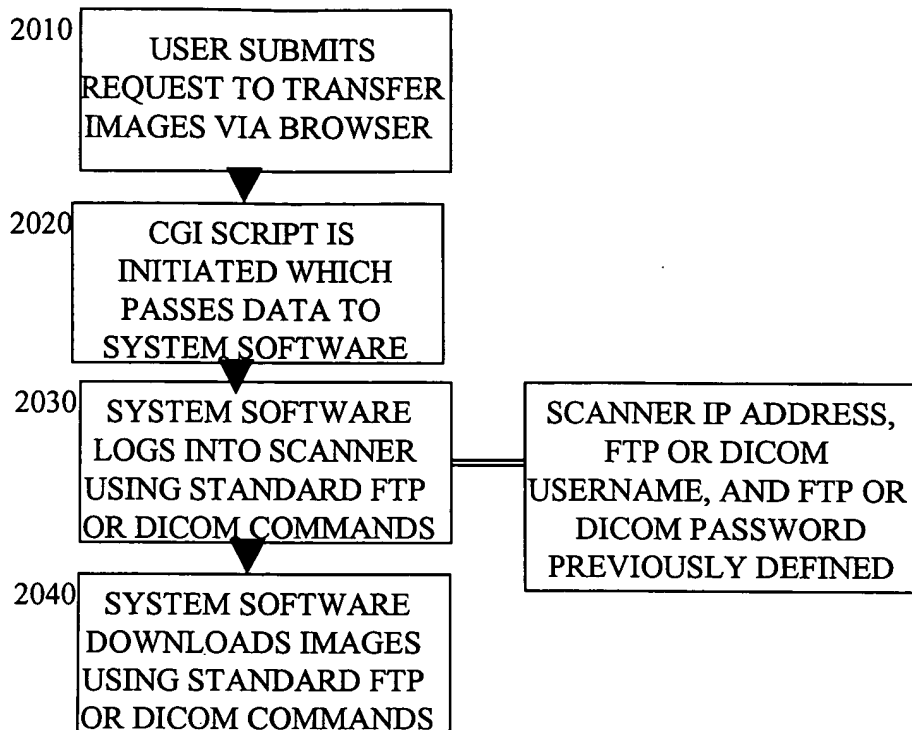


FIGURE 3 - System Overview

Fig. 4a

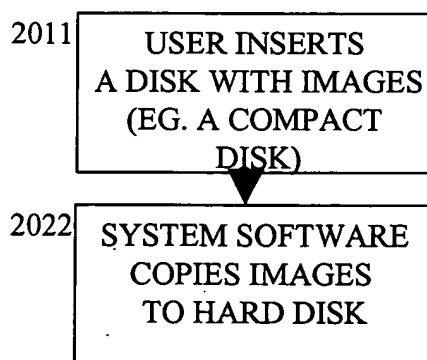
METHOD 1



- OR -

Fig. 4b

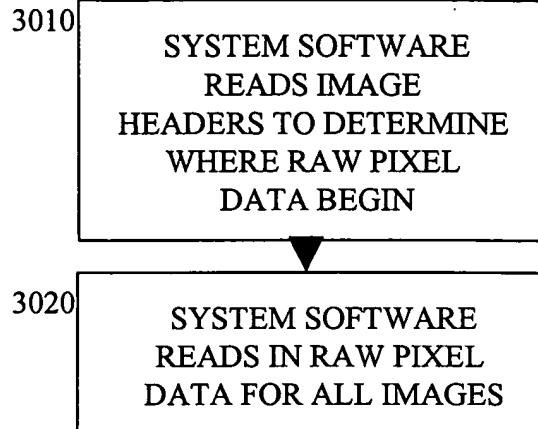
METHOD 2



**FIGURE 4 - STEP 2000 DETAILS
("TRANSFER ENGINE")**

Fig. 5a

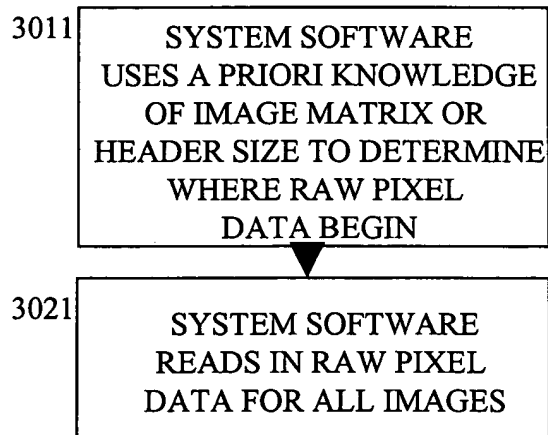
**METHOD 1
FOR "STANDARD"
IMAGE FORMATS
(EG. DICOM)**



- OR -

Fig. 5b

**METHOD 2
FOR
"NON-STANDARD"
IMAGE FORMATS**



**FIGURE 5 - STEP 3000 DETAILS
("DECODING ENGINE")**

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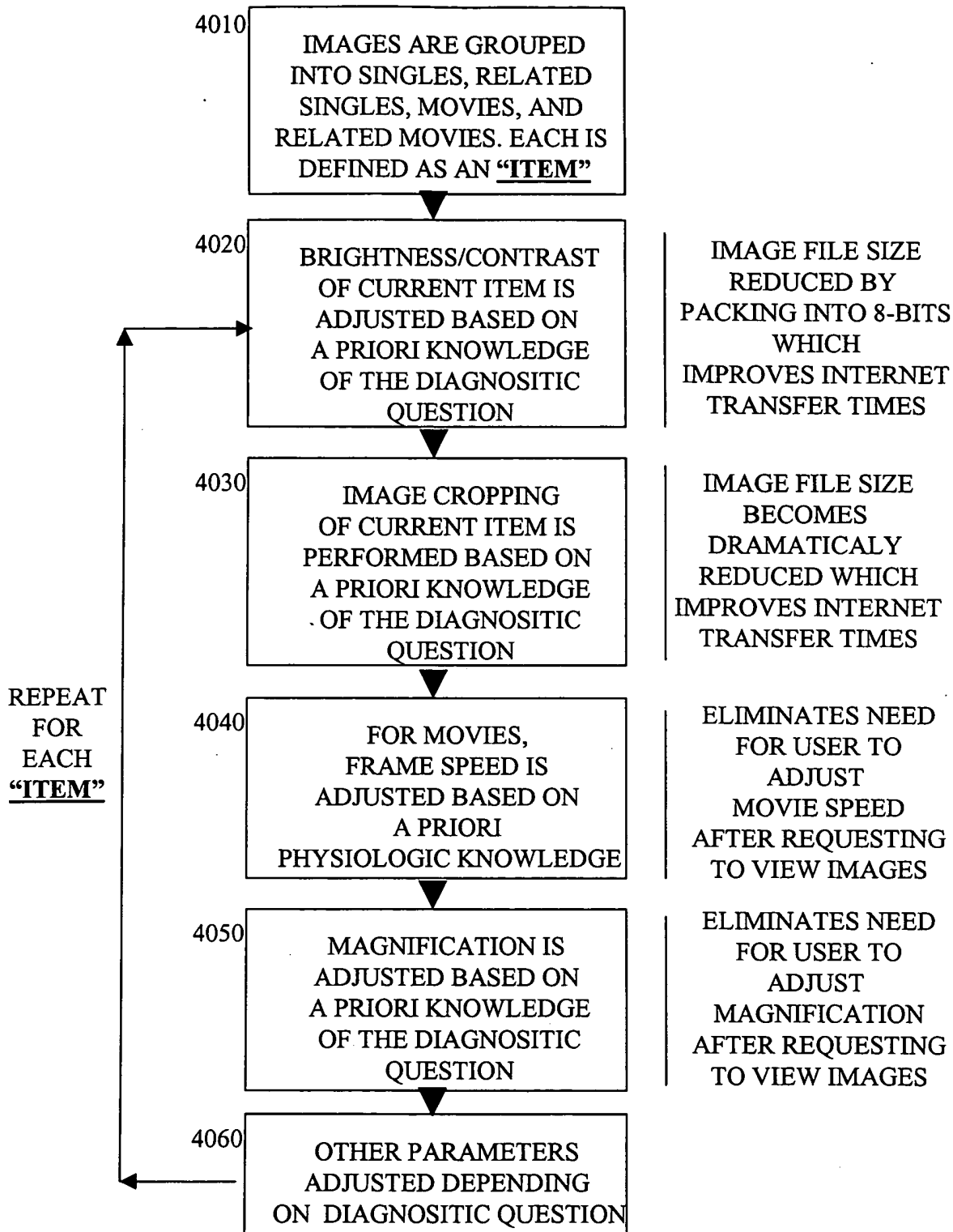


FIGURE 6 - STEP 4000 DETAILS
("PHYSIOLOGIC KNOWLEDGE ENGINE")

STEP 4020 - Define search region as subregion within image which contains the organ of interest (eg. heart) and search all movie frames for the single brightest pixel. Scale all movie frames by same amount to make single brightest pixel equal to 2 to the 8th power minus 1, eg. 255 (1 byte/pixel, 8-bit image).

STEP 4030 - Create thumbnail movies by cropping images such that only the organ of interest is shown (eg. heart).

STEP 4040 - Convert all movie frames into a single movie with frame rate chosen to simulate real time motion (eg. beating heart).

STEP 4050 - Create a full-field-of-view version of each thumbnail so that user can double-click to view additional details.

Fig. 7a



Fig. 7b

Eg. STEP 4040

Thumbnail movie of
beating heart
(16 frames=100KB)



Eg. STEP 4050

Full field-of-
view movie
displayed full
screen when
thumbnail
clicked (16
frames=400KB)



Fig. 7c

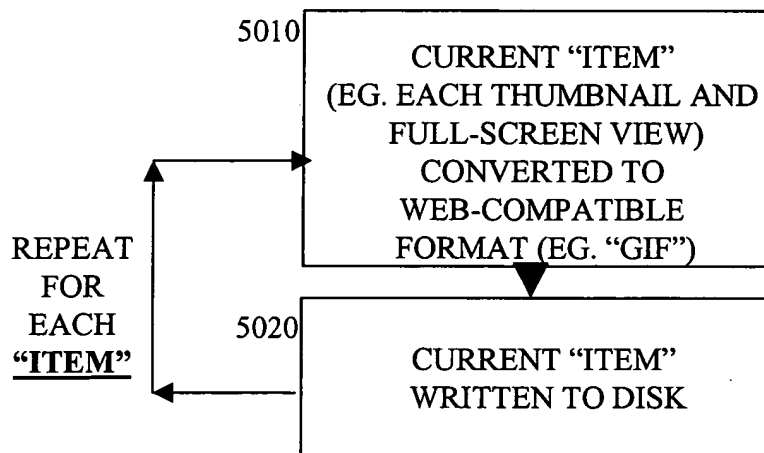


FIGURE 8 - STEP 5000 DETAILS
("ENCODING ENGINE")

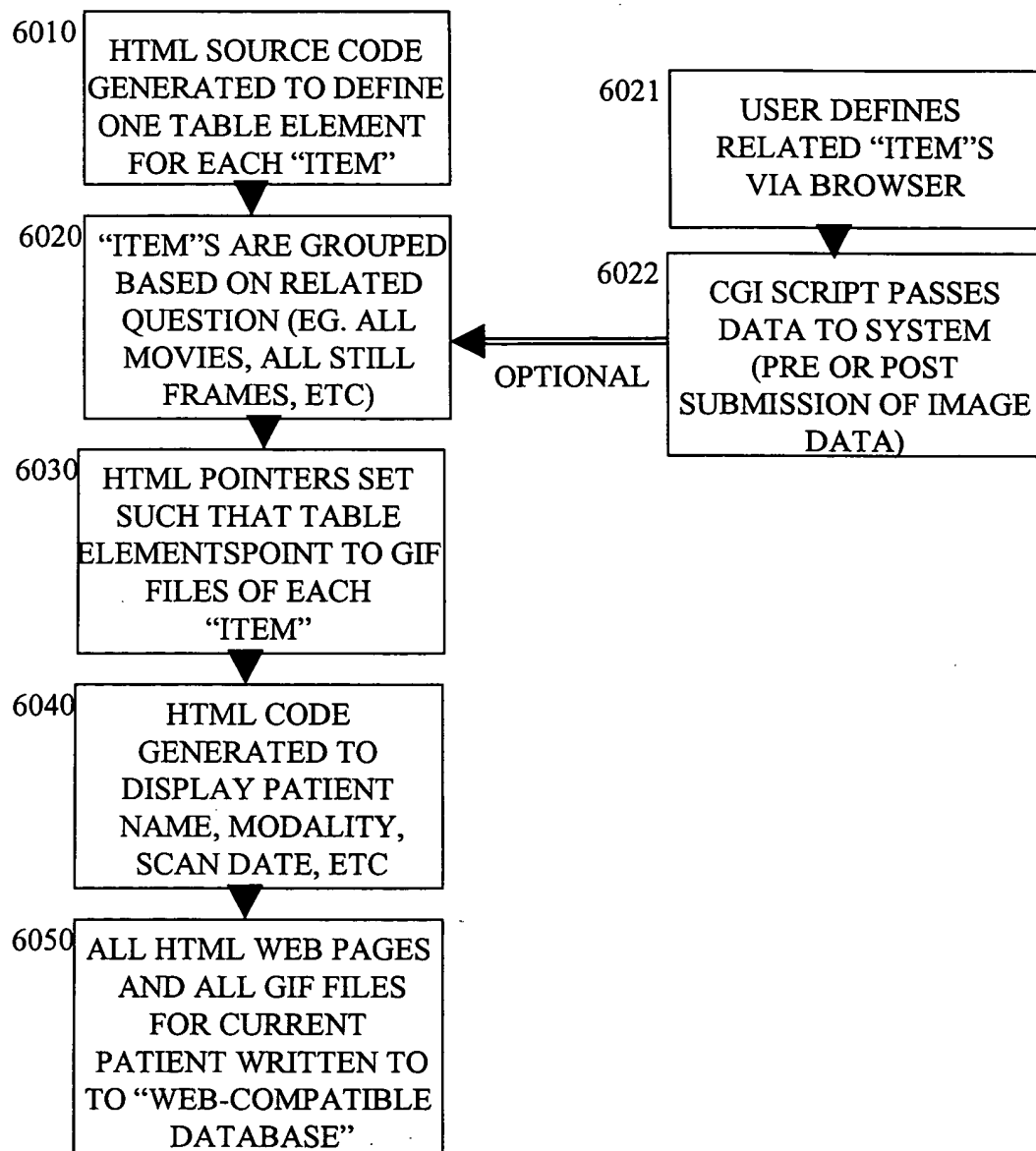
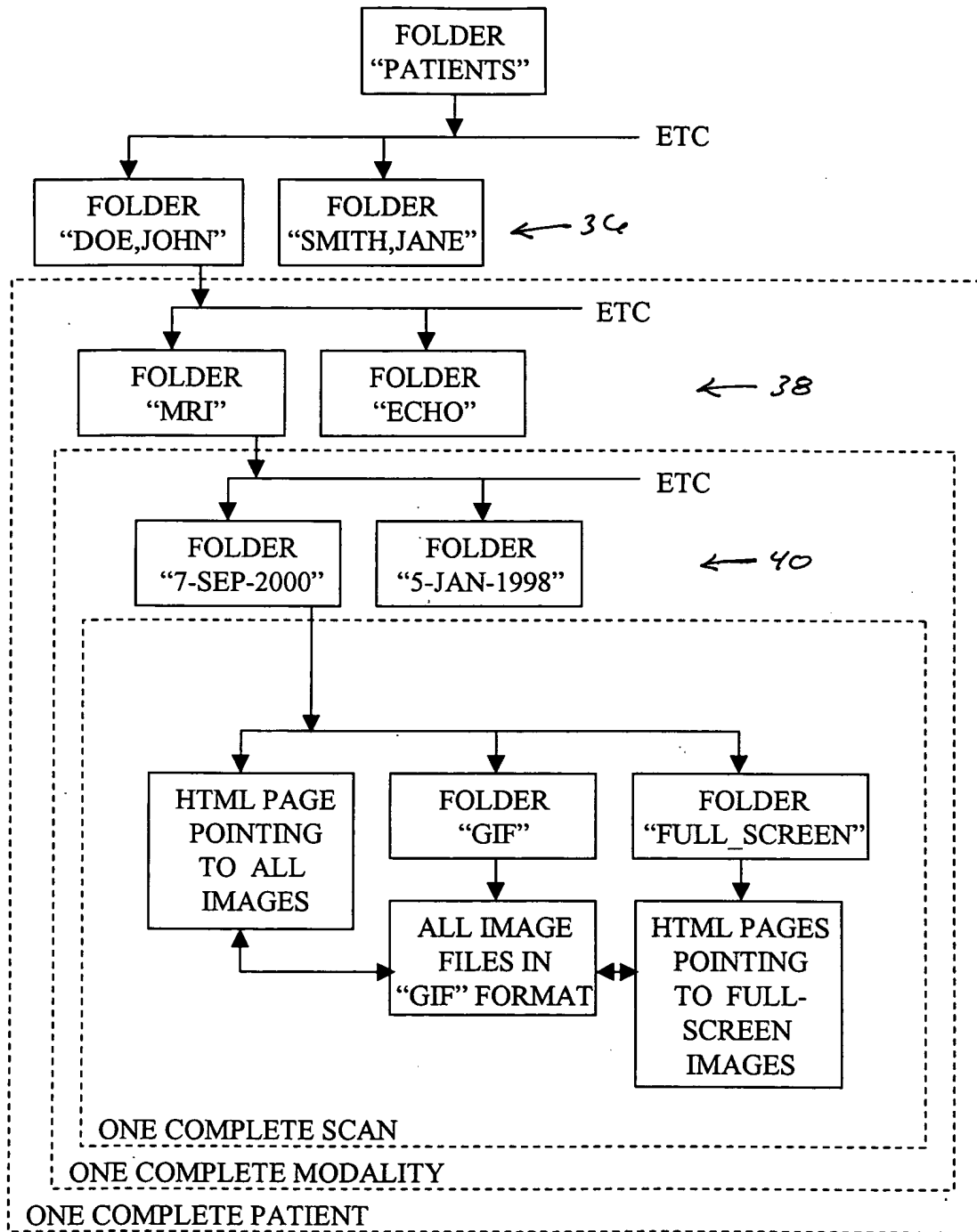


FIGURE 9 - STEP 6000 DETAILS
("POST ENGINE")



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FIGURE 10 - STEP 7000 DETAILS
("WEB-COMPATIBLE DATABASE")

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graph TD; Root["COMPUTER LOCATED AT IP ADDRESS 10.1.0.0  
RECEIVES ALL IMAGE REQUESTS FOR EARTH. CGI SCRIPT RUNNING ON THIS COMPUTER SEARCHES REQUESTED ADDRESS AND ROUTES REQUEST TO APPROPRIATE COUNTRY"]; Root --> USA["USA COMPUTER LOCATED AT 10.1.1.0"]; Root --> Europe["EUROPE COMPUTER LOCATED AT 10.1.2.0"]; Root --> Japan["JAPAN COMPUTER LOCATED AT 10.1.3.0"]; Root --> ETC1[ETC]; USA --> US1["COMPUTER LOCATED AT 10.1.1.1  
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The flowchart illustrates the system architecture for image storage and retrieval. At the top, a central computer (IP 10.1.0.0) receives all image requests and routes them to appropriate country-specific computers. These include USA (IP 10.1.1.0), Europe (IP 10.1.2.0), and Japan (IP 10.1.3.0), with 'ETC' indicating other countries. Each country's computer then routes requests to dedicated storage computers. The USA storage computers are further categorized by Social Security Number ranges: 000-00-0000 through 099-99-9999 (IP 10.1.1.1), 100-00-0000 through 199-99-9999 (IP 10.1.1.2), and 200-00-0000 through 299-99-9999 (IP 10.1.1.3), with 'ETC' indicating more storage units. All US hospitals submit web-page based images over the Internet to these storage computers. Finally, dedicated 'dumb' storage computers download images to users over the Internet.

FIGURE 11 - STRUCTURE OF WORLD-WIDE DATABASE

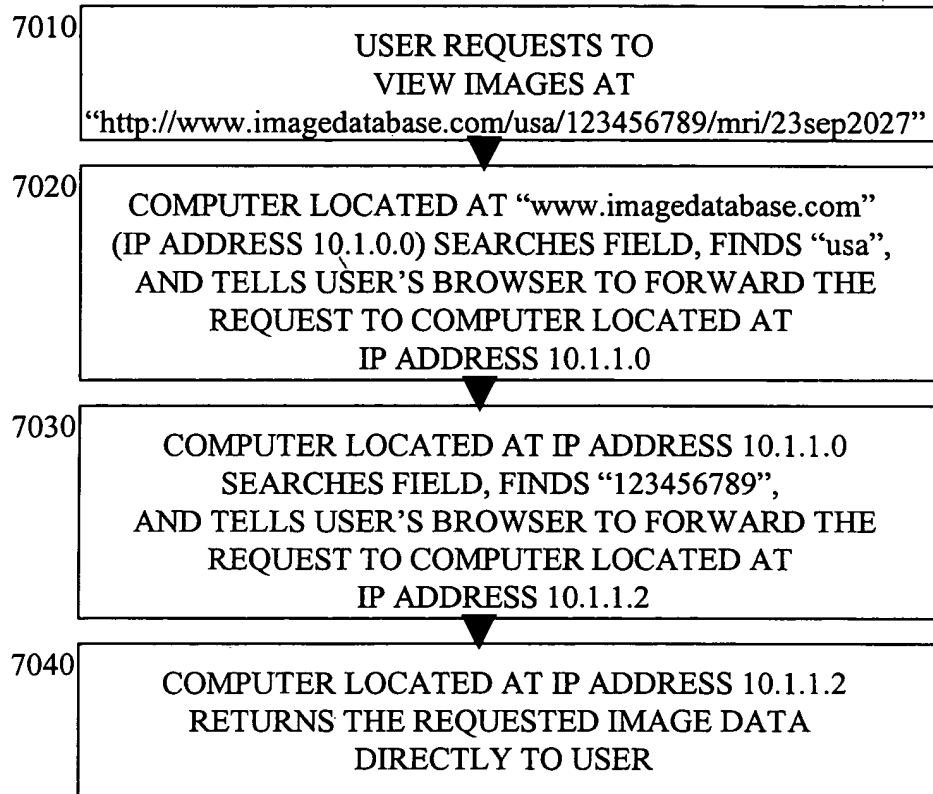


FIGURE 12 - PROCESSING USER REQUEST
USING WORLD WIDE DATABASE

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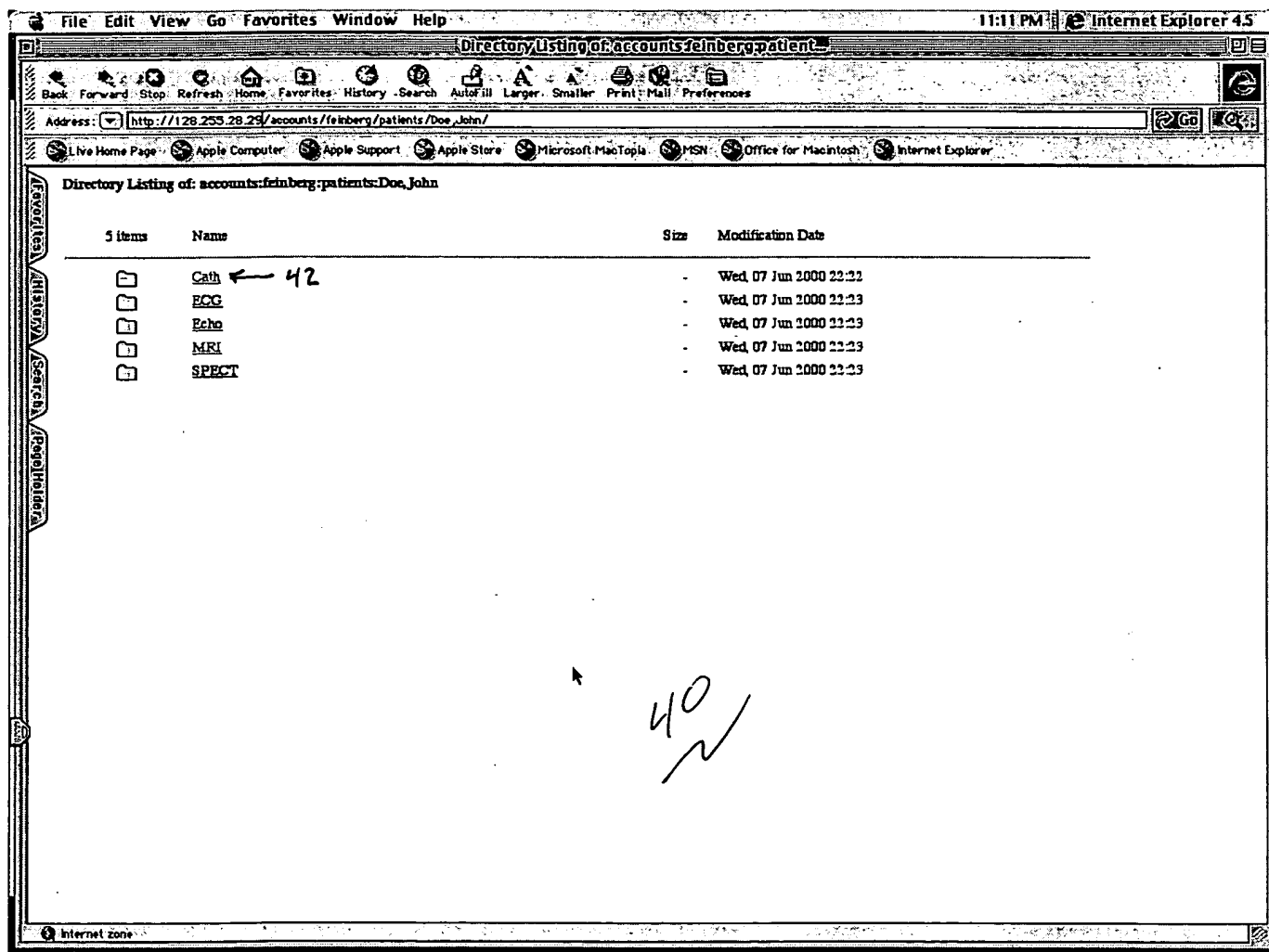


FIGURE 13

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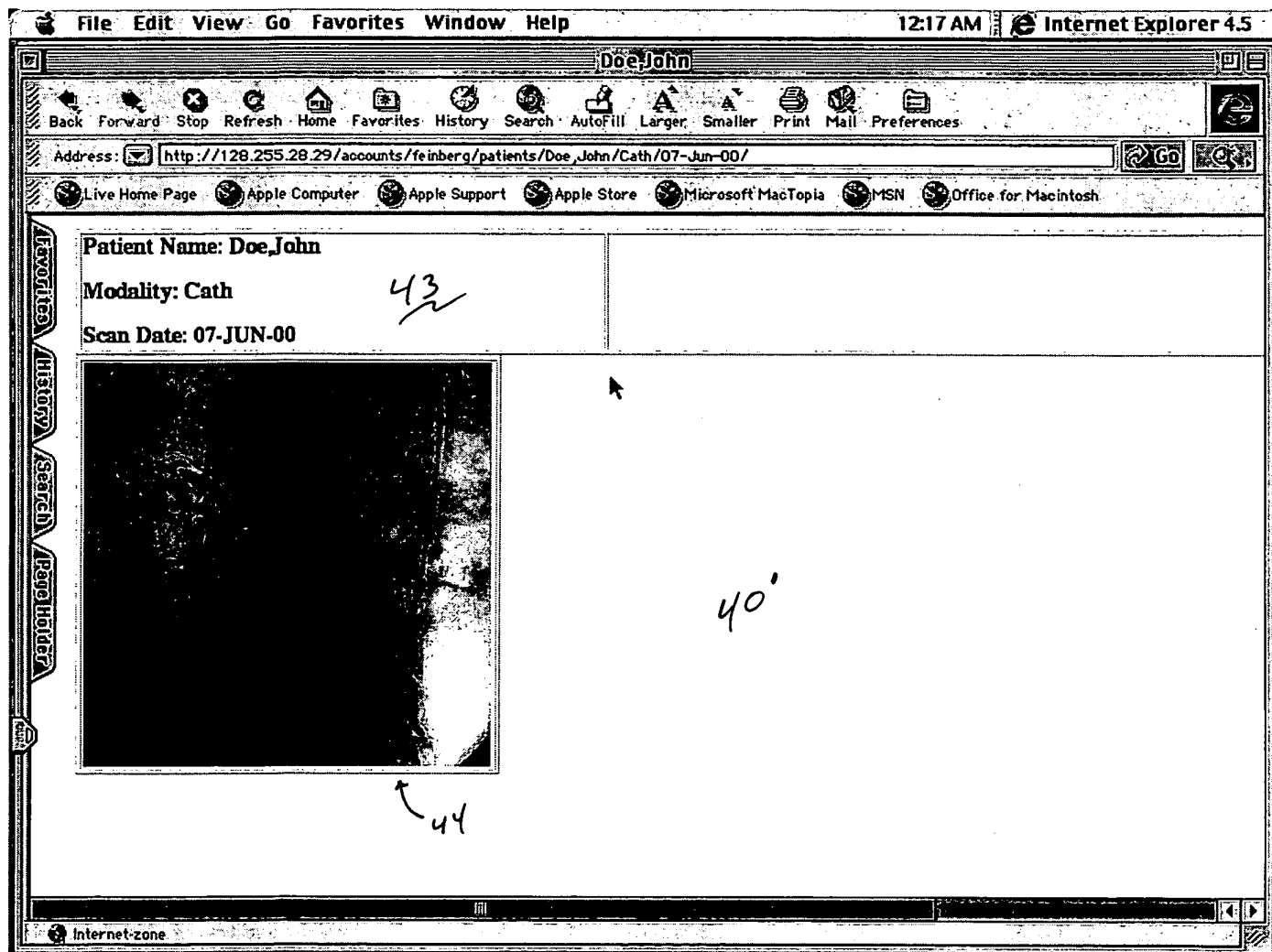


FIGURE 14



FIGURE 15

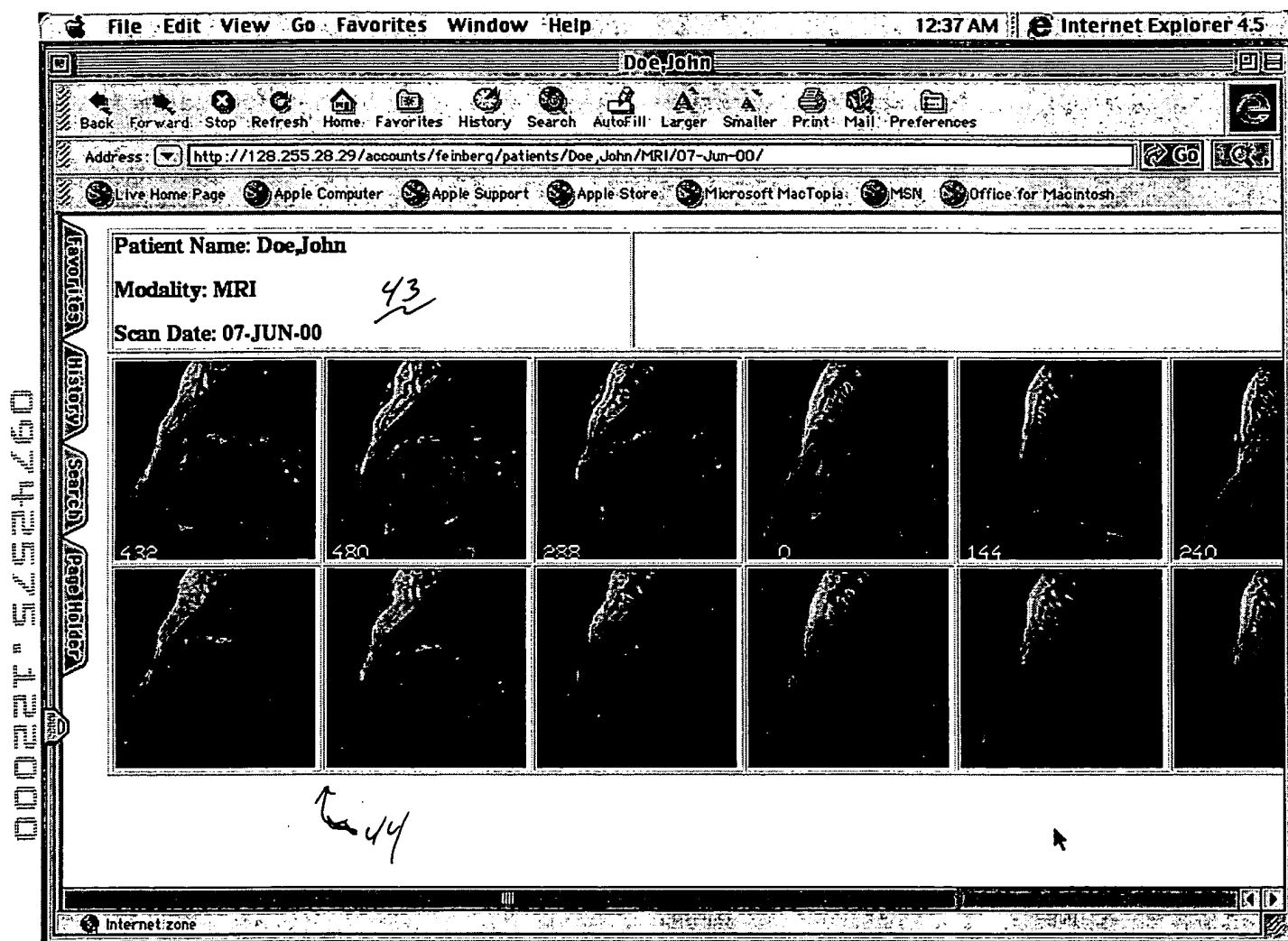


FIGURE 16

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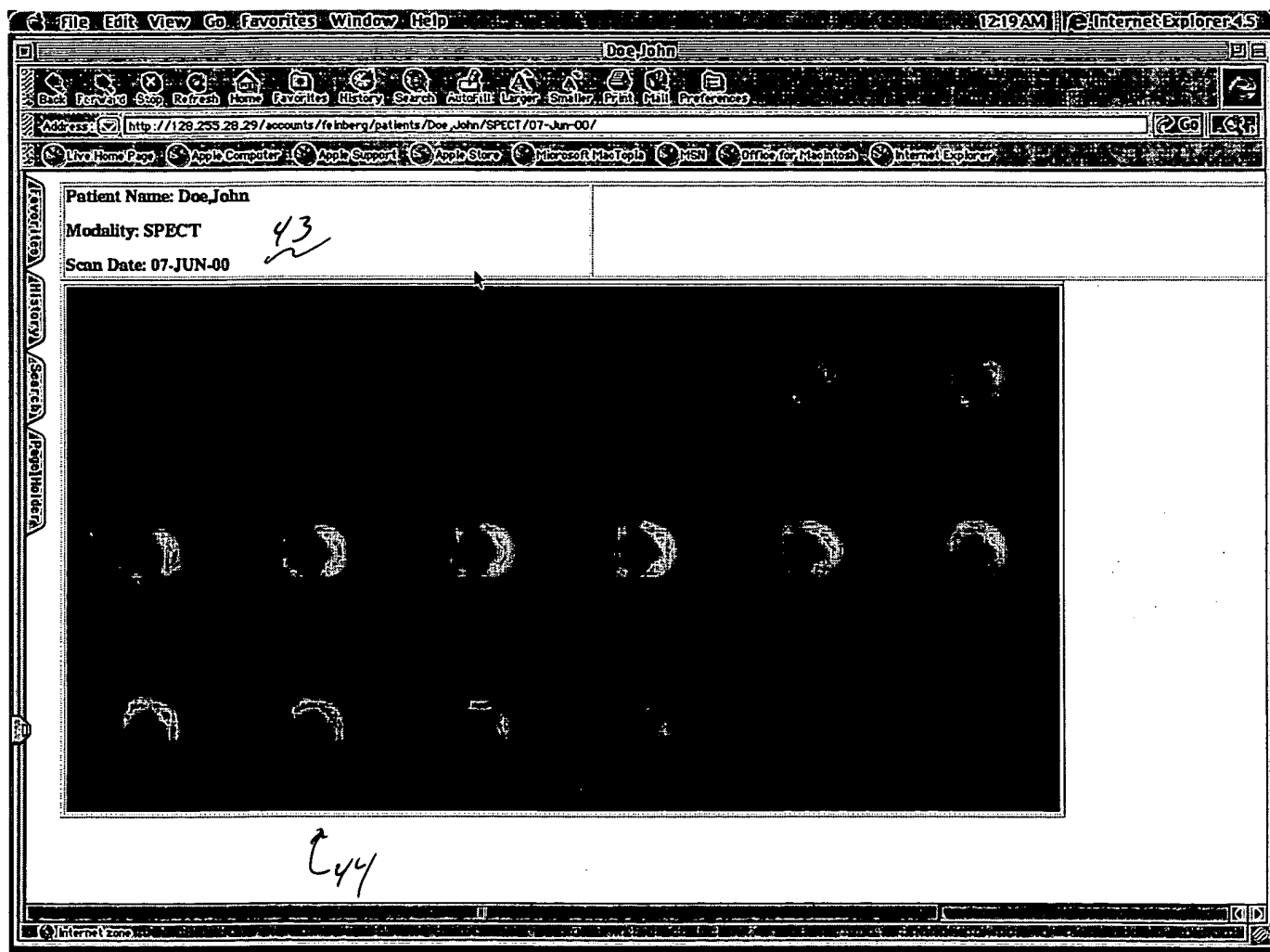


FIGURE 17